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REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)

UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

Applicant: Zhu, et al.

Application Number: 09/921,158

Filing Date: August 1, 2001

Title: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR
CLOSING VASCULAR PUNCTURE
USING HEMOSTATIC MATERIAL

Examiner Name: Paul A. Roberts

Group Art Unit: 3731

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1. Submission Required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114:

() Previously submitted:

() Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on .

() Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on .

(X) Enclosed:

(X) Amendment/Reply

() Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)

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2. Miscellaneous:

() Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed three months).

3. Fees:

(X) RCE fee (\$385 small entity/\$770 large entity)

() Fee for suspension (\$130)

(X) Extension of Time fee:

() One Month (\$55/\$110)

() Two Month (\$210/\$420)

(X) Three Month (\$475/\$950)

4. Payment:

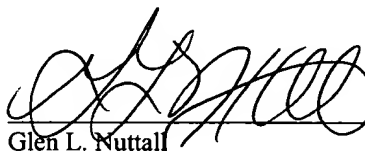
(X) Check in the amount of \$860 to cover the above fees.

(X) The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 and § 1.17 which may be required, now or in the future, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 11-1410.

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